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THE CITY FATHERS IN SESSION.

Feature was the Introduction of Several New Telephone Ordinances, Which Were

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE

On Ordinances for Investigation. Councilmen to Appear in "Dewey Day" Parade.

The city legislature held a well-attended and interesting meeting last night, which was occupied chiefly with the reception of the mayor's annual message, Dewey Day matters, and telephone franchises, of which there were three new ones, making with the National, previously presented, four new companies in the field, and their advocates formed no small lobby. For the first time for several weeks there was an absence of a ministerial delegation, which might mean that the church federation has abandoned its efforts to obtain certain favors from the councilmanic body, temporarily, at least.

"Dewey Day" Matters.

The following invitation from Chairman Garvin, of the Dewey Day committee, was received and filed. It was as follows:

To His Honor, The Mayor, and Council of the City of Wheeling: Gentlemen:—We respectfully invite your honor, the first and second branches of council, gas board, water board, board of public works, city clerk, health officer, engineer, city receiver and city collector to participate in the parade on February 22, on the occasion of the visit to our city of the Hero of Manila, Admiral Dewey. We also request that the chief of police and his deputies give all the assistance in their power to preserve order, and make the demonstration a success. Kindly have your clerk report to the committee how many will attend, so we can arrange for carriages for them.

Yours very respectfully, T. GARVIN, Chairman, "Dewey Day" Committee.

Mr. Weisgerber said that since many members of council were affiliated with fraternal organizations and would turn out with them, he suggested that a poll be taken of those who would turn out as a body of council. This suggestion was acted on and fifteen members of the second branch signified their willingness to represent the councilmanic body.

The second branch laid on the table a resolution calling for the appropriation of not over \$200 to decorate the city building for Dewey Day. Mr. R. T. Chew raised the point that council couldn't legally appropriate for this purpose. Mr. Killeen thought "the administration should pay for the decorations."

The erection of speakers' stands on the west side of the city building was authorized, and a reviewing stand wherever the "Dewey Day" committee may elect.

Telephone Ordinances.

A second reading of the National Telephone Company's ordinance was objected to by Mr. Kindelberger, so it goes over to the next meeting.

The following letter from S. O. Boyce, attorney for the Home Construction & Telephone Company of West Virginia, accompanied its ordinance.

To the Honorable Mayor and Council of Wheeling: Gentlemen:—Herewith is the ordinance of the Home Construction & Telephone Company, of West Virginia, composed of Alfred Paul, H. S. Sands, James B. McKee, George Hook, William A. Wilson and William F. Shafer, all business men of our city. They propose building a plant equal, if not superior, to the Bell system, with the underground system wherever used by the latter company, and have already entered into negotiations toward making connections with the independent system of telephones in Pittsburgh and in all towns in West Virginia, in which state alone there are over 7,000 independent telephones. They propose to furnish nothing but long distance telephones, not to exceed in rental \$38 per year for business houses and offices, and \$24 per year for residences. In addition, they propose to pay, and will pay, to the city of Wheeling immediately upon the passage of the ordinance granting them the franchise, the sum of \$2,000. Respectfully submitted, S. O. BOYCE.

Attorney for Home Construction and Telephone Company, Wheeling, February 13, 1900.

The committee on ordinances was given the application and also those from the Wheeling and Federal Telephone companies. The Wheeling had John Arbuz, Jr., for its attorney. It offered telephones at \$30 and \$20 per annum. The incorporators are Lawrence Schenk, William E. Eberts, F. C. Arbuz, J. S. Stroehline, James M. Thomas and Henry Schulbach.

The Federal company, said to be backed by New York capitalists, offered to commence work thirty days after the granting of its franchise. It was represented by Attorney J. J. Coniff.

Refund Election Officers.

The committee on elections recommended the following voting places and officers for the refunding ordinance election, February 24, which were confirmed:

First Ward. Precinct—Corner Seventh and Main. Judges—Jacob Kindelberger, M. Moran and James Hanes.

Second Ward. Precincts—No. 1, Market hall; No. 2, 1113 McCulloch street.

Judges—No. 1, Ferd Wingerter, John B. Crawford, Jr., H. P. Meyer; No. 2, Timothy Donovan, L. B. Flora and Adam Wertsberger.

Talrd Ward. Precinct—Police court room. Judges—J. R. Butts, James Sawtelle and James Marshall.

Fourth Ward. Precinct—Berley's hall, Eighteenth street. Judges—Ed. Gillies, Charles Reilly, Frank Beabout.

Fifth Ward. Precinct—Hook and Ladder house. Judges—C. B. Colborn, Louis Conrad, Herman Rolfe.

Sixth Ward. Precinct—2605 Chapline street. Judges—William Shields, J. Crogan and James Voight.

Seventh Ward. Precinct—Island hose house. Judges—J. G. Collins, William H. Silvey, Charles Merrifield.

Eighth Ward. Precincts—No. 1, Assn's livery sta-

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Judges—No. 1, Charles Ethroth, Henry Limer and August Fette; No. 2, J. J. Conner, S. Zerott and George Shane.

City Clerk's Report.
The report of Clerk O'Brien was as follows:

DEPARTMENTS.	Appropriations.	Expenditures.	Balance.
Board of public works	\$ 4,96 35	2,019 00	\$ 2,947 35
Fire department	9,200 00	2,226 06	7,021 94
Health department	2,075 00	1,000 00	1,075 00
Markets	7,500 00	2,222 75	5,277 25
Police	1,175 00	400 99	774 01
City prison	200 00	43 49	156 51
Scales and weighing	625 00	110 00	515 00
Real estate	250 00	55 35	194 65
Cemeteries	3,075 50	971 90	2,103 60
Salaries	10,827 33	9,738 00	1,109 33
Contingent expenses	29,036 96	3,106 27	25,930 69
City gas works	24,870 85	16,216 61	8,654 24
Taxes	750 00		750 00
Totals	\$ 95,233 78	\$ 51,611 53	\$ 43,622 25

James K. Hall, city collector, paid to A. H. Forgy, city receiver, the following amounts:

Fifty cent levy\$5,027 79
Ten-cent levy 841 48

Total\$5,969 27

Miscellaneous Business.

D. D. Ingram, as lieutenant, Charles Everett as patrolman, and Charles Hinkleman, extraman, appointments of Chief Clemens, were confirmed.

Free gas was allowed the Home for Friendless and Aged Women.

The privilege of using natural gas for illuminating purposes was granted to Frank J. Wetzel and Joseph Niehaus.

Earl Reed was appointed a city weigher, vice L. C. Reed, deceased.

A claim of Isadore Henger, 135 Twenty-ninth street, for \$1,000 damages, on account of a change of grade of Twenty-ninth street, was referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Kindelberger's resolution, to enforce the Ohio River and Pan Handle railroad companies to erect safety gates at street crossings, was referred to the ordinance committee.

The mayor's report, published elsewhere, was endorsed unanimously by both branches and 600 printed copies were ordered.

The fine and costs of George Steen, an employee of the gas board, were remitted by council.

A reduction of 20 per cent in the rent of the city commons property as fixed by the real estate committee, was made by the second branch. The first non-concurred and a conference committee was appointed, which endorsed the 20 per cent slash from the proposed rentals, which brings some of them down lower than they were before. The resolution along this line was offered by Mr. Weisgerber, but Mr. Healy, who as a member of the real estate committee voted for the new rates, is said to have drafted it. It was a petty attempt of the Democrats to make political capital for Mr. Weisgerber, who wants to be a county commissioner.

Mr. N. Carl Hamilton was elected a member of the first branch from the Island, to succeed the late W. P. McKelvey.

State Supreme Court.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 13.—The following business was transacted in the supreme court to-day:

Baer et al vs. Forbes et al, from Marshall county; argued and submitted.

Jordan vs. Jordan, from Mason county; continued to next special term for argument by agreement of attorneys.

Wilburn vs. Wilburn et al, from Summers county; dismissed, argued.

Smith vs. Norfolk & Western Railroad Company, from Wayne county; submitted.

Ferrell vs. Camden et al, from Webster county; continued.

Findley, administrator, vs. Cunningham, administrator, etc., from Berkeley county; submitted.

Young et al vs. Improvement Loan and Building Association, from Berkeley county; submitted.

Day vs. National Mutual Building and Loan Association et al, from Cabell county; argued and submitted.

Prince Henry and the Emperor. BERLIN, Feb. 13.—Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of William, of Germany, arrived here this morning. He was welcomed at the railroad station by his majesty and a large suite. Immediately after the train stopped Prince Henry jumped out and hurried to the emperor, who met him half way. The two brothers embraced and kissed each other affectionately, the bands played and the guard of honor presented arms. The ministers, headed by the imperial chancellor, Prince Hohenlohe, and many distinguished civil, naval and military officials, welcomed the prince back to Berlin. After an inspection of the guard of honor, the emperor, wearing a naval uniform, and Prince Henry drove in an open carriage to the Schloss. The streets were thronged with people, who enthusiastically welcomed the prince. In honor of the event all the schools were closed and the city was decorated with flags.

SWEENEY'S ANNUAL MESSAGE.

It was Submitted to Council Last Night and is an Interesting Document, in Which

CITY AFFAIRS ARE DISCUSSED.

Endorses the Refund, New Work-house, Free Toll and Other Progressive Measures.

At the meeting of the city council last night, the annual message of the mayor was submitted, and read in both branches. It was listened to with attention throughout by the councilmen, and its recommendations generally were received with approval. In full it is as follows:

To the Honorable First and Second Branches of Council.

In transmitting my annual recommendations to your honorable bodies, I do so with the realization that it of necessity is a perfunctory procedure, first on account of your being as well aware as I of the needs of your city, and secondly, because of your inability to provide the necessary funds for the portion of my suggestions which call for expenditure in excess of the usual and customary appropriations made to the several departments.

Refunding Ordinance.

The plan to effect a revision of the city finances by a refunding of its bonded indebtedness, suggested in my last message, has been the subject of careful and conscientious consideration by your committee, and the result of its labors as presented to you embodies a plan which will not only save to the city a very considerable amount of money annually in interest charges, but by a proper and equitable distribution of the payments, relieve the city of the necessity of further bond issues, at the same time affording means for carrying on improvements and repairs, not available under old customs except by increased taxation, or an additional bond issue.

Greater Wheeling.

The steady and continued exodus of our citizens to homes in the country contiguous to our city, and the rapid growth of the outlying districts, would seem to warrant a movement on your part to increase or extend the corporate lines of your city, believing that any steps you might take in this matter would be met with warm recognition and be productive of an incentive to increased building and a consequent tendency to invite additional population, as well as a natural and material extension of the real and personal valuation.

Industrial.

The lethargic attitude of our citizens toward the loss of their material interests in the nature of the absorption by large corporations, non-resident, of her manufacturing industries, and their seeming indifference toward the inevitable results, would seem to call for speedy and concerted action. The combinations of capital and acquirement of local plants have already resulted in transferring to other cities the most capable men formerly in active management of these plants, and removes to some extent at least any feelings of local pride or interest. Upon the principle that the success of any community depends largely upon the prosperity and happiness of its citizens, and in like manner that a community to be prosperous must of necessity provide, insofar as may be, constant employment for its inhabitants; I am impelled to the belief that, with our most important industries removed from local control and consequent danger of idleness, an earnest effort should be made to extend and diversify our industries, thus warding off the danger threatened from centralization and combination.

The proposition to connect the city proper and the outlying districts by means of a tunnel through one of the hills is one which appeals to me as being of vital interest and calculated to make possible the extension of the corporate limits heretofore advocated, while offering to our citizens a much shorter means of travel. While it may not be feasible for the city at this time to contemplate such an undertaking it has seemed to me as might, in connection with the board of commissioners, not only put the project in shape, but carry it to a final and successful termination.

Granting of Licenses.

In the matter of grants by your honorable body of licenses, more especially those for keeping ordinaries and coffee houses, I do not believe there has been the discrimination and intelligent consideration accorded, which the importance of the subject as well as the ordinance under which such grants are made, demand. The persons holding licenses from the city are in the main of the best character and highest probity, and the issuance of licenses to persons who do not and will not comply with the provisions of the ordinance is not only a reflection on the city, but in conflict with the intent and purpose of the ordinance. I therefore recommend that both the committee and council scrutinize more closely the applicants for licenses.

Ordinances.

In my former message, reference was made to the necessity for a codifying and compiling of the city ordinances, reciting that the present book was printed in 1891, that many new ordinances were not contained in it, that others contained in it had been amended, and that your executive officers found it a difficult task to interpret and carry out the provisions as laid down. Owing to lack of funds the recommendation could not be carried out last year, but it is a matter of the greatest necessity and one that I hope you may compass this year.

In this connection I beg to submit that many of the ordinances of the city have outlived their usefulness, and having been so often tried and found wanting would seem to be subjects for retirement. As business customs change, so must business methods accommodate themselves, and considering that the present city ordinances have for the most part been in force for from twenty to thirty years, they must of necessity be rejuvenated and made to conform to the present customs and conditions. It is little attention has been paid to the changing conditions and ordinances which had heretofore answered every purpose and were deemed to be in every way adequate and considered as entirely applicable; but by the supreme test, that of a trial and the result has been that the present ordinances are in many respects obsolete and should be repealed, and that your executive officers found it a difficult task to interpret and carry out the provisions as laid down. Owing to lack of funds the recommendation could not be carried out last year, but it is a matter of the greatest necessity and one that I hope you may compass this year.

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I desire to impress upon you the importance of a thorough revision of your city ordinances and suggest that a competent commission be entrusted with the work, with full authority to formulate and submit such ordinances as may to them seem to be applicable, as well as to make necessary provision for compiling, codifying and putting in book form the ordinances as reconstructed.

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The increasing demand for street car lights makes it imperative that some additional equipment be provided, and I recommend that you take action looking to an appropriation sufficient to install the necessary additional equipment.

Police Department.
The large area covered by the city and the small complement of police provided, has for several years given cause for apprehension, and visiting officials have expressed surprise that with our small force and absence of modern equipment, we were able to control and ward off the commission of crime. In considering the provisions which would best tend to elevate and improve the workings of the department, I conclude the present crude method of reporting by means of the local telephone exchange to be wanting in essential particulars, and have had some conversation with a representative of the Gamewell system in general use in the larger cities. I believe it is within the ability of this city to install a plant of this nature at a low cost and in a manner that would make the payment easy and possible. This system would make it possible for a citizen to at once communicate with police headquarters in much the same manner as they can now send in a fire alarm and insure prompt attention, besides automatically recording the time and location of each officer reporting.

The present lock-up being all in one room, makes necessary the incarceration of male and female prisoners in common, and as it is sometimes necessary to confine for a short time persons who are not depraved, I urge the provision of cells for this purpose in the vacant room in the rear of the lock-up house's office. Great difficulty is experienced at times in caring for injured persons, without means. While the hospitals have been very generous, the delays before securing admission have in some instances been disastrous, and it has occurred to me that the matter might be remedied, if the city would endow a bed at one of both of the hospitals. The cost would not be excessive, and the results both from a humanitarian standpoint and in furthering the efficiency of the department, would be most gratifying.

Workhouse.

The suggestion for locating a workhouse in the old water works boiler house having met with opposition, and no fund being available last year, we are in no manner relieved from the conditions recited in my last message, and each year adds to the miserable state of the present apology for a city prison.

With a desire to provide some nucleus from which the city could build a suitable prison, and at the same time come within the means, the site of the old water reservoir has been gone over and some negotiations had with the water board looking to the use of that site as well as the employment of the stone in building the new structure. The location is probably as good a one as could be secured, the cemented bottom and sewer connections being admirably adapted for the purpose, and from a rough estimate made by the city engineer, he believes there is a sufficient amount of stone in the old wells to build the proposed prison. This would seem to offer the city a plan for compassing what has been heretofore a pressing need, by the expenditure of a comparatively small amount of money, and the result would give a much more substantial and lasting building than could possibly be provided, if the material and location were not already provided.

I hope it will be your pleasure to appropriate sufficient money, and to authorize the erection of the new prison so that it may be completed and occupied before another winter.

Water Board.

While the province of this paper is to suggest the needs of the city, I deem it not out of order to comment upon the good work being accomplished by this branch of the city government. The new pumping plant so far as completed, is a model of efficiency, and when it has reached its full development will be vastly superior to any city of our size in the country and much better than that of many larger cities.

The present minimum daily water consumption of the city is ten million gallons; the maximum, twelve millions. Our present completed pumping capacity at normal speed is two pumps of seven and one-half million gallons capacity each, or a total of fifteen million gallons. If any accident should happen to either of these pumps, it would necessitate the speeding up of the remaining one to a degree that would certainly endanger it. To remove this danger, the board is now installing a new pump with a daily capacity of twelve million gallons.

The plans of the board contemplate further improvements which will of necessity be impossible of accomplishment some time to come, but when fully carried out will give our city a pure and adequate water supply.

Street Paving.

In looking over the condition of our paved streets, I have been impressed

with the fact that many of them are in horrible condition, and that at no far distant time must be taken up and replaced. Some which have done service for many years, have worn fully half through, while others through repeated cutting for tracks, or by reason of original inequalities in the foundation, are uneven and rough.

When it is considered that the board's contingent fund is barely sufficient to provide for the ordinary and necessary cleaning of streets and expenses incidental to the operation of the board, that the 10 per cent levy found is not available for streets which have been improved, and that our general fund has been severely taxed to provide for the requirements of the other departments of the city, it becomes a serious question as to the best means of making provision for these impending requirements. The present method of assessment for the paving of streets, new sewers and curbing known as the "10 per cent levy," has never, and is not now deemed to be either equitable or as covering the requirements. Added to this is the fact that through an unwritten law the fund has been divided equally between the wards without reference to the necessities of other portions of the city, or to the amount of paved streets in the several wards.

The last annual report of the city engineer gives exhaustive data as to the comparative area of improved streets in the several wards, which information was never before available, and demonstrates beyond question that our present plan of assessment and the method of its distribution does not carry out in a fair and just manner the provision of the ordinance. Just what better plan could be adopted I am not prepared to say, but would urge that the practices of other cities be investigated and some plan formulated which will result in a more equitable distribution.

Free Toll to the Island.

The residents of the Seventh ward still feel that they are entitled to relief from the onerous and unpleasant burden of a toll charge, and, while recognizing that their properties were acquired with a full knowledge of the imposition of the bridge tax, that the bridge company was a private corporation and consequently beyond the control of the city; nevertheless, cannot reconcile the fact that other wards of the city are connected by expensive bridges owned by the city and partially paid for by the Seventh ward. Their assessed valuation is equal to that of any ward of the city, their population is increasing, and their allotment of improvements not commensurate with that of the other wards. Another fact bearing upon this matter and appealing strongly to the residents of the Seventh ward, is that certain residents of the city who have been required to pay toll to the National road (owned by the county, and therefore a virtual property of the city) have been rebated by the city for the toll so paid.

In pursuance of a pledge made by the candidates of both parties for council from the Seventh ward at the last city election, council appointed a committee for the purpose of securing a proposition from the bridge companies looking to free toll. Our late member, Mr. W. P. McKelvey, was delegated, and made repeated and earnest endeavors to secure at least an audience with the bridge representatives. One bridge company signified its willingness to discuss the matter, and the other company, by one pretext and another, delayed answering and practically refused to consider the matter. I am firmly of the opinion that some action should be taken for the relief of the citizens of the Seventh ward from this unjust discrimination, and suggest the submission of the facts to the next legislature, believing that their former action will be reversed when they fully appreciate the seeming lack of disposition on the part of the bridge companies to treat a committee of your body with the consideration it was certainly entitled to. Respectfully submitted, A. T. SWEENEY, Mayor.